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¶1. (SBU) In response to reftel, Embassy Baghdad considers the Gulf Iraqi Expo to be a serious Ministry of Trade effort, run by the State Company for Iraqi Fairs. The U.S. Foreign Commercial Service in Iraq's website includes a link to the Expo, which was postponed from March 2007 to November 2007 in order to better prepare for the event. The Ministry of Trade is committed to holding a successful event, and Embassy Baghdad is planning on assisting as appropriate.

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